

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was performed following Item II and was led by Pam Passow.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken prior to Item I.

Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Warren, and Commissioners Diaz, Hanson, and Jones were present. Commissioners Bui and Gabbard were absent.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Chris Murphy commented that he would like to know the status of OC Parks discussions with regulatory agencies regarding the potential allowance of Class I electric bicycles on natural surface trails in OC Parks facilities.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 5, 2025 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Jones

2nd: Vice Chair Warren

Approved 5-0

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-C)

A. OC PARKS TRAILS: BALANCING RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on the background of the OC Parks trail system, challenges with unauthorized trails, and recent response to unauthorized trails in Caspers Wilderness Park.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Antonio Valdes, OC Parks Trails Administrator, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

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Ev Mena, OC Parks Parks Division Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.

Michael Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

Jim Foley, Orange County Mountain Biking Facebook Group, commented on how unauthorized trails are not maintained and suggested addressing water management on these trails to minimize damage.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Refer trail decommissioning guidelines to the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for review and feedback.

Motion to refer trail decommissioning guidelines to and share Commission comments with the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for review and feedback:

Commissioner Hanson

2nd: Commissioner Diaz

Approved 5–0

B. OC PARKS ARBORIST PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on the duties of the OC Parks Arborist and the management of trees at OC Parks.

Kyle Sato, OC Parks Arborist, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, answered a Commissioner's question.

Michael Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered a Commissioner's question.

Chris Murphy provided a comment in which he inquired if tress in wilderness areas are maintained in the same way as those in regional parks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

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Motion: Commissioner Jones

2nd: Commissioner Diaz

Approved 5–0

C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the April 10, 2025 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff providing the update.

Jennifer Naegele, OC Parks Natural Resources Manager, provided an update on the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Commissioner Warren

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 5–0

VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Michael Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered a Commissioner's question.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

OC Parks Summer Concert Series – Irvine Regional Park and Salt Creek Beach – August 14 and 21, 5 – 8 p.m.

- Thursday, August 14 features No Duh: The Ultimate Tribute to No Doubt with an opening performance by Satin Dollz at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.
- Thursday, August 21 features Boy Band Review with an opening performance by Roderick Chambers at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.

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OC Parks Sunset Cinema Series – Laguna Niguel and Irvine Regional Parks and Salt Creek Beach – August 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6 – 10 p.m.

- Friday, August 8 features *The Greatest Showman* (PG, 2017) at Laguna Niguel Regional Park in Laguna Niguel.
- Friday, August 15 features *Elemental* (PG, 2023) at Irvine Regional Park in Orange.
- Friday, August 22 features *Shrek* (PG, 2001) at Irvine Regional Park in Orange.
- Friday, August 29 features *Moana 2* (PG, 2024) at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 7:21 p.m.